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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 and 16-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 and 16-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. The request for a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) filed on [1] is acknowledged. 37 CFR 1.53(d)(1) was amended to provide that the CPA must be for a design patent and the prior application of the CPA must be a design application that is complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b). See *Elimination of Continued Prosecution Application Practice as to Utility and Plant Patent Applications*, final rule, 68 *Fed. Reg.* 32376 (May 30, 2003), 1271 *Off. Gaz. Pat. Office* 143 (June 24, 2003). Since a CPA of this application is not permitted under 37 CFR 1.53(d)(1), the improper request for a CPA is being treated as a request for continued examination of this application under 37 CFR 1.114.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-14 and 16-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cheng, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0078161 (hereinafter Cheng).

4. With respect to claims 1, 6, 13, and 18, Cheng teaches an apparatus [fig.1 and see abstract] comprising:

- an electronic device [120 i.e. UPnP controller (UCP)] for coupling to a home network system [fig.2], the electronic device having a memory device, the memory device contains a remote location's complete address [i.e. IP address] to a page storing one of control and characteristic information for the electronic device, one of the control and the characteristic information is retrieved from the remote location if the home network system does not have the one of control and the characteristic information stored [paragraphs 0025-0033], the electronic device achieves plug-n-play capability without using a protocol [paragraph 0019].

5. With respect to claims 2, 8, and 16, Cheng further teaches the complete address includes one of a complete uniform resource locator (URL) and a complete Internet protocol (IP) address to a specific page for the electronic device [paragraph 0027].

6. With respect to claims 3 and 8, Cheng further teaches the electronic device's characteristics and control information is maintained at the remote location [fig.1 and paragraphs 0028-0030].

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7. With respect to claims 4 and 10, Cheng further teaches the electronic device is a consumer electronic (CE) device [120 i.e. UPnP controller].

8. With respect to claims 5 and 12, Cheng further teaches the electronic device transmits the complete device identification information [paragraph 0066 i.e. a service identification] on a device specific bus [205] when coupled to the device specific bus [figs.1-2 and paragraphs 0008-0009].

9. With respect to claim 7, Cheng further teaches a central processing device [130 i.e. file server] coupled to the home network; a central memory device coupled to the central processing device; and a display coupled to the central processing device [paragraphs 0040-0058].

10. With respect to claim 11, Cheng further teaches the remote network is one of the Internet and an Intranet [paragraphs 0008-0009].

11. With respect to claims 14 and 19, Cheng further teaches using the device's characteristic information to control the device; determining whether the stored characteristic information needs to be updated; and replacing the stored characteristic information with new characteristic information if the stored characteristic information needs to be updated [paragraphs 0018-0030].

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12. With respect to claims 17 and 22, Cheng further teaches displaying information on a display device [fig.1 and paragraphs 0004-0007].

Response to Arguments

13. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-22 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nghi V. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-4067. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung can be reached on (571) 272-3939. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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